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Lord Marksman — and Vanadis —



HMPH...



ONE
LOOK
AT THE
SCOUT'S
REPORT
CONFIRMED
IT.

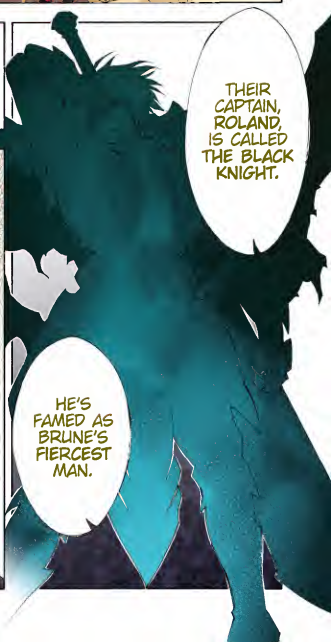


IT'S THE
ORDER
OF
NAVARRE.



Lord Marksman and Vanadis-

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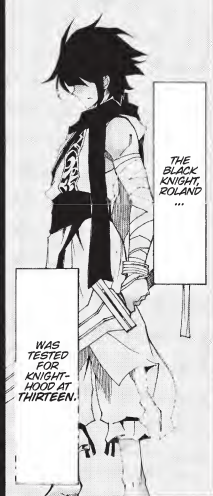


AND
TRI-
UMPHED
OVER
EVERY
ONE.

HE
FACED
OFF
AGAINST
INFA-
MOUSLY
STRONG
KNIGHTS...

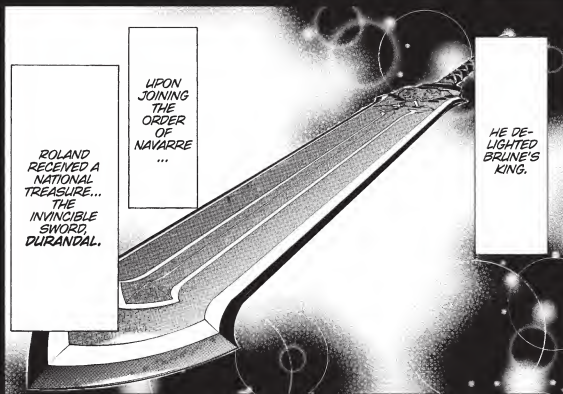


SIR
ROLAND
HAS
NEVER
BEEN
BESTED.



THE
BLACK
KNIGHT,
ROLAND
...

WAS
TESTED
FOR
KNIGHT-
HOOD AT
THIRTEEN.



ROLAND
RECEIVED A
NATIONAL
TREASURE...
THE
INVINCIBLE
SWORD,
DURANDAL.

UPON
JOINING
THE
ORDER
OF
NAVARRE
...

HE DE-
LIGHTED
BRUNE'S
KING.



THE ORDER
OF NAVARRE
DEFENDS
BRUNE'S
WESTERN
BORDER.

THE
NEIGHBORING
NATIONS,
ASVARRE
AND SACHSTEIN,
KEEP THEM
ENGAGED.



IF THESE
ROYAL
KNIGHTS
ARE
MARCH-
ING...

IS IT
BY THE
KING'S
COMMAND?



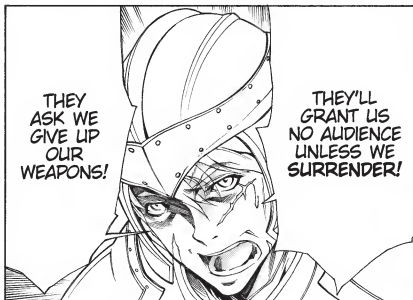
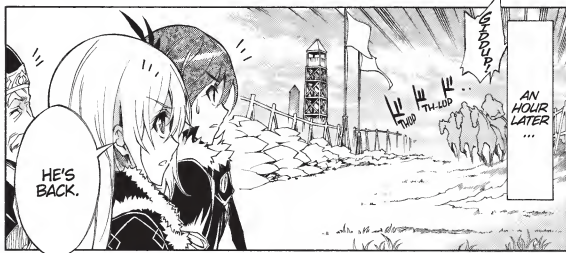
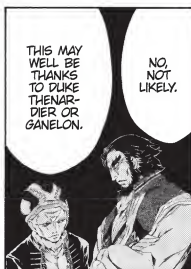
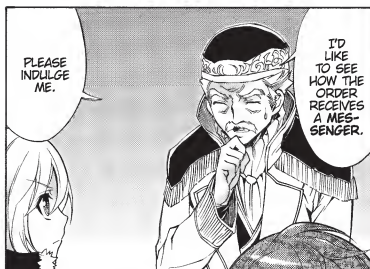
HE
MUST
BE
QUITE
SOME-
THING.

"INVIN-
CIBLE"
IS IT?



IN
SHORT
...

THEY'RE
AN ELITE
CORPS OF
VETERANS.





WERE
YOU ABLE
TO LEARN
THEIR
LEADER'S
NAME?



IF
ONLY
WE
COULD
AWAIT
SIR
MASHAS'
ARRIVAL.



THAT
OUR
REQUEST
FELL
ON DEAF
EARS.



I
REGRET
TO
REPORT
...



HOW
DID
THEY
LOOK?



I
SEE.

THANK
YOU FOR
YOUR TOIL,
REGARD-
LESS.



THEY
COULD
RIDE TO
BATTLE
AT ANY
MOMENT.



THEY'RE
WELL-
ARMED,
AND IN
HIGH
SPIRITS.



HMM...

BRISQUE,
AREN'T
THEY?



THEY'LL
ONLY MEET
WITH US IF
WE ADMIT
DEFEAT.



A FIGHT
SEEMS
INEVITABLE.

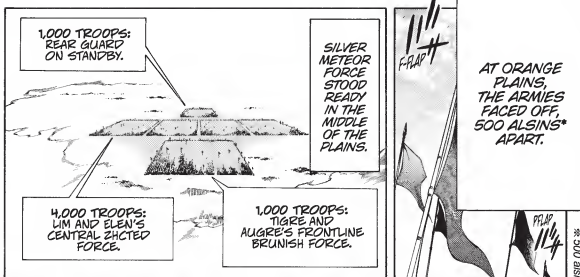


ALL
RIGHT...

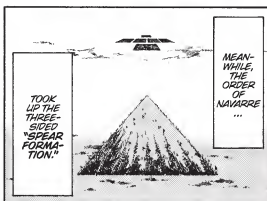


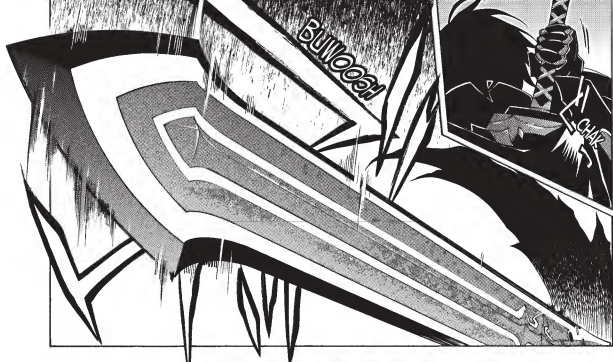
BNISH

PREPARE
FOR
BATTLE!



* 500 alsins is about 1600 feet





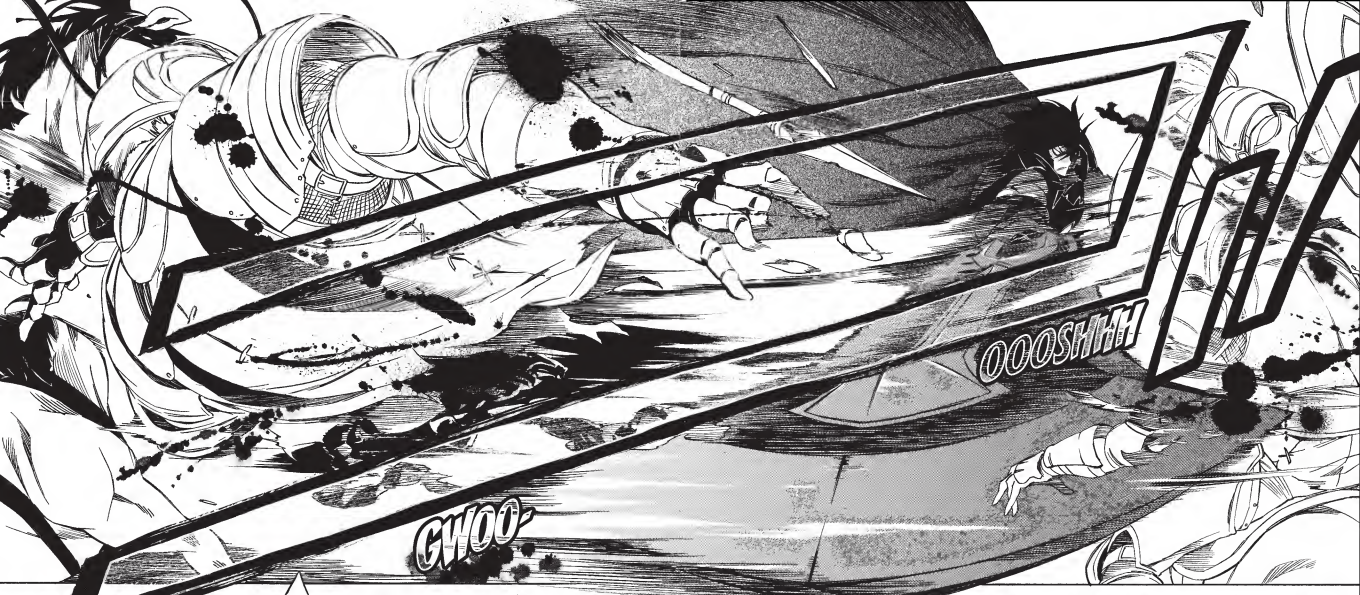
WITNESS
OUR
VALIANT
FIGHT!

MAY THE
BRUNISH
NATION'S
DIVINE
GUARDIANS
...



FOLLOW
MY
SWORD
!!











MY
SWORD
RARELY
MEETS
RESIS-
TANCE.

I
WOULD'VE
DIED
WITHOUT
ARIFAR.



WOPPLE

BRZZ
BRZZ
BRZZ

WH
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FUSH

WHO
WOULD'VE
SEEN IT
COMING
FROM A
MAIDEN?







SOUNDS
LIKE IT
MUST BE
RUBBISH.



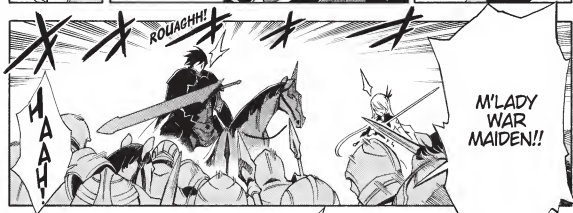
I'M NOT
SURE WHAT
MINE'S
MADE OF,
EITHER.

HIS MAJESTY
GAVE ME THIS
SWORD TO
DEFEND BRUNE.
THAT WAS ALL
I CARED TO
KNOW.



COULDN'T
SAY.

IT WAS
A GIFT
FROM AN
UNKNOWN
PARTY.



ROUAGHH!

HAAH!

M'LADY
WAR
MAIDEN!!



IDIOTS!
GET
BACK!





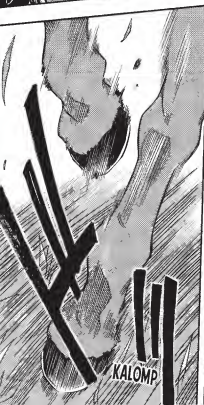
I'M
CAPTAIN
ROLAND
OF THE
ORDER OF
NAVARRE.

WAR
MAIDEN...



I'M
ELEONORA
VILTARIA.

ONE
OF THE
SEVEN
WAR
MAIDENS.



KALOMP



YOU'RE
FORBIDDEN
TO ENTER
BRUNE WITH-
OUT HIS
MAJESTY'S
PERMISS-
SION...

NO
MATTER
THE
REASON.







I'LL BE
DAMNED
IF THEY
ESCAPE!







THE
ARROW
HE FIRED
BEFORE?



THAT
WASN'T...

ROAR!!!

GRACH!!

EERCH!!

GRUNT...

THUD

THUD

THUD



WRAUGH!!!

HYISS

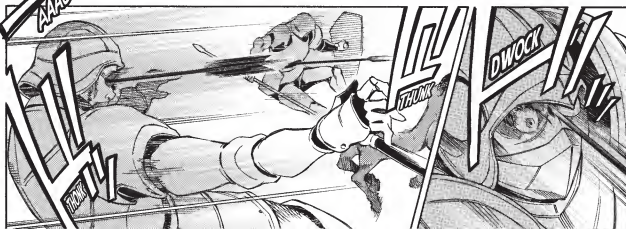
RAARRH!!

AAAH!!!

THWISH

HYUSH!!

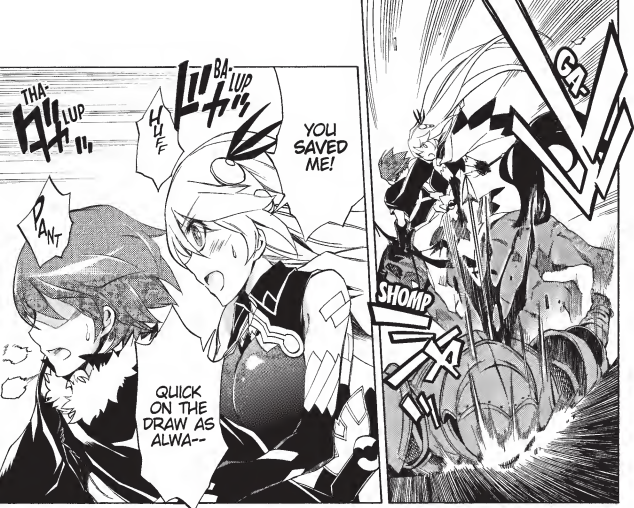
AAACH!!!



THUNK

DWOCK

THUNK





**TIGRE
!!**

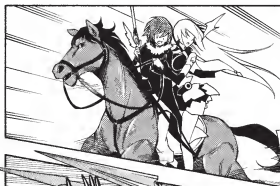


CHAPTER 22: END

23 • A CLOSE CALL



TIGRE!







GATHER
BEFORE
ME,
SHINING
SURGE.

GA

HAUHAU



AUGH
....!

WHAT
THE--?!
AGHH!

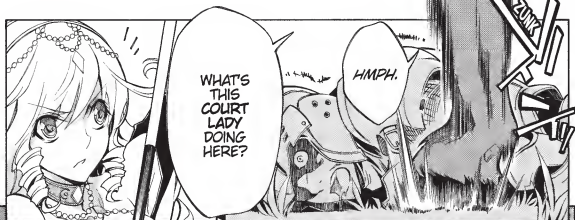
HURRY,
ELEN!

PWAAAAA

N
N
E
I
G
H
!!

!





WHAT'S
THIS
COURT
LADY
DOING
HERE?

HMPH.

ZUNK



ROOOOAR...

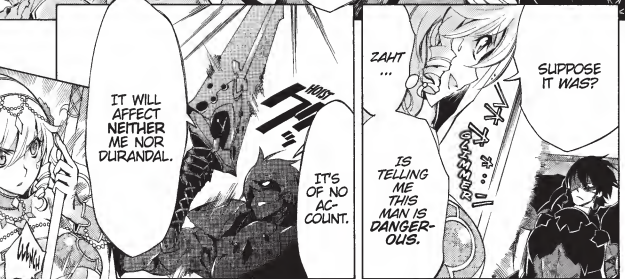
THAT
BURST
OF
LIGHT...

WAS
THAT
MAGIC?

CAP-
TAIN!

CAPTAIN
ROLAND!

WHOA



IT WILL
AFFECT
NEITHER
ME NOR
DURANDAL.

IT'S
OF NO
AC-
COUNT.

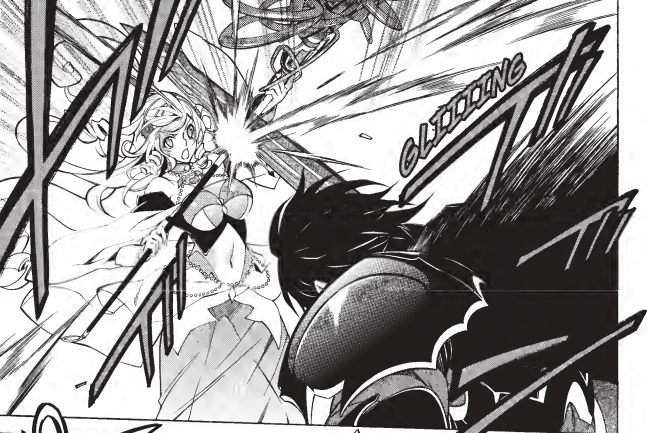
ZAHT
...

SUPPOSE
IT WAS?

IS
TELLING
ME
THIS
MAN IS
DANGEROUS.

ZUNK





GATHER
AT MY
SIDE,
BLINDING
SAND!

.....
HE'S
BESTED
MY
DRAGON
GEAR!





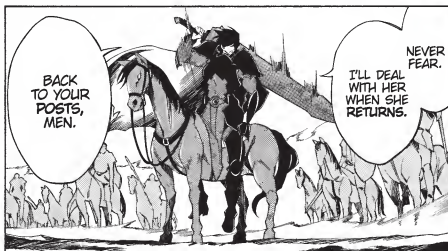
BUT I
CAN TELL
SHE'S RE-
TREATING.

I
CAN'T
SEE
HER...



AH...!

WHAT'S
THAT?



BACK
TO YOUR
POSTS,
MEN.

NEVER
FEAR.
I'LL DEAL
WITH HER
WHEN SHE
RETURNS.



SHE'S
VAN-
ISHED.
WHAT A
PAIN.





WAAAAAHH!!

LIM!

THD!

YES...

BUT IT'S SHALLOW.
HE'LL BE FINE.

THEY SAY
SIR TIGRE-
VIRMLID'S WOUNDED?!

LADY
ELEO-
NORA
!!

RIGHT,
TIGRE
...?

WRA

AA

AAGH

RMBL

RMBL

RMBL

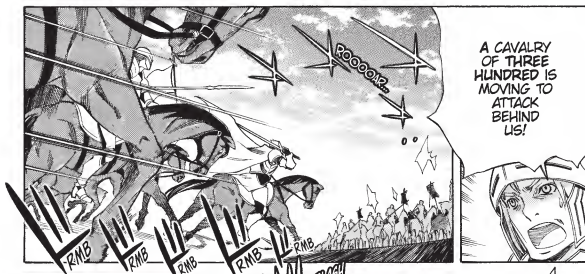
RMBL

RMBL

RMBL

RAA

AHHH





WOAA
A A H

ABANDON
THE CHASE
AND RE-
GROUP!

AYE,
SIR!



SEEMS
LATE
IN THE
GAME
FOR
THAT.

BUT
SOME-
THING
MUST BE
DONE TO
PREVENT
PANIC.



DID YOU
KNOW THE
ARCHER WHO
SLEW MY
HORSE?



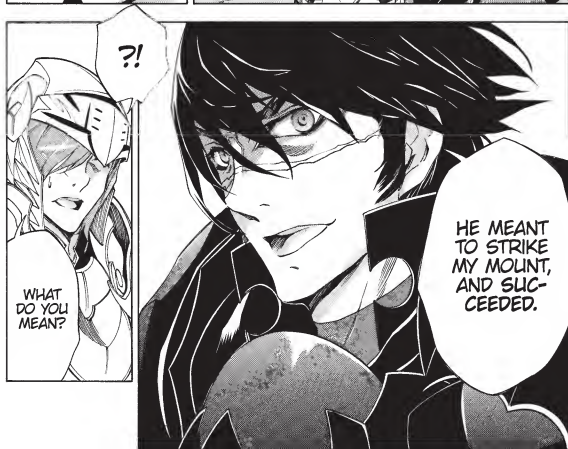
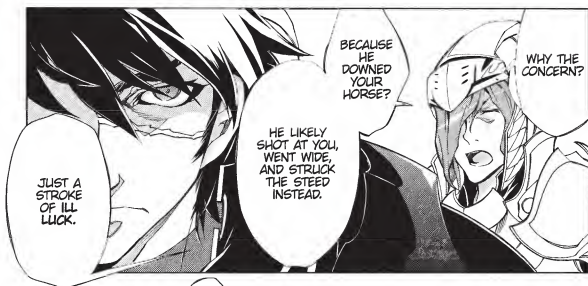
OLIVIER.



I SAW
HIM ONCE
AT THE
PALACE.

TIGRE-
VURMLUD
VORN,
MOST
LIKELY.

AS I
RECALL,
HE WAS
ROUNDLY
MOCKED
FOR
BOASTING
OF HIS
MARKS-
MANSHIP.





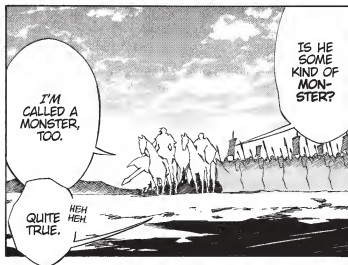
AT ANY
RATE, HE
TRUSTED
HIS AIM.

I'D HAVE
NOTICED AN
ATTACK
AIMED AT ME
STRAIGHT
OFF. BUT I
WAS LESS
WARY OF
AN ATTACK
ON MY
HORSE.



HAD HE
AIMED
STRAIGHT
AT ME,
I COULD'VE
PARRIED.

THAT
WAS
PLANNED
...?



I'M
CALLED A
MONSTER,
TOO.

IS HE
SOME
KIND OF
MON-
STER?

HEH
HEH.
QUITE
TRUE.



LET'S
CALL IT
A DAY.

YOU'RE
SURE?



HE'S
TRULY
SKILLED.

THIS
MAY BE
THE FIRST
TIME A
MARKSMAN
IMPRESSED
ME.



WHEN THE
ROYAL COMMAND
CAME THROUGH,
THE KING WAS ILL.
BEDRIDDEN.
I COULDN'T SEE
HIM.



THIS
ISN'T A
TYPICAL
SKIRMISH.

IT'S THE
WILL OF
DUKES
THENARDIER
AND GANELON.
I DON'T
TRUST
THEM.

WE'LL SEND
MESSENGERS
TO ASVARRE
AND SACHSTEIN
TO BUY TIME.

WE
WANT
YOU TO
DESTROY
THEM
STRAIGHT-
AWAY.

SINCE
COUNT
VORN
INVITED
ZICTED
SOLDIERS
TO RUN
RAMPANT
IN BRUNE.

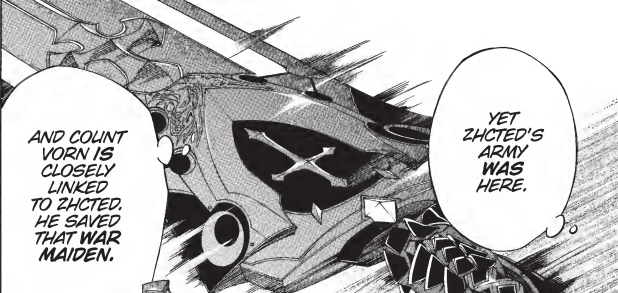
SIR
RO-
LAND.

HIS
MAJESTY
IS IN
DESPAIR...

STILL
...

SUMMONING
US FROM
THE WEST,
WITHOUT
SENDING OUT
THEIR OWN
FORCES...
IT'S BIZARRE.

THERE
WAS
TRUTH
IN THEIR
WORDS.



AND COUNT
VORN IS
CLOSELY
LINKED
TO ZHCTED.
HE SAVED
THAT WAR
MAIDEN.

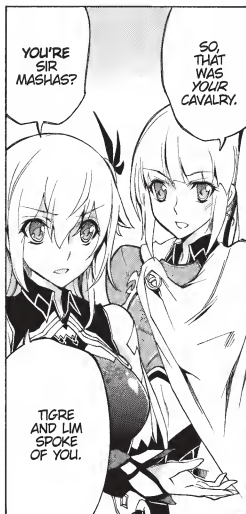
YET
ZHCTED'S
ARMY
WAS
HERE.

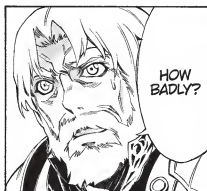
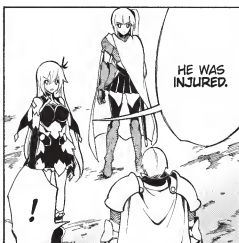
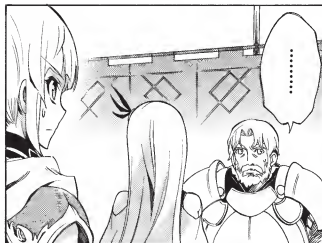


MY
SWORD
WILL
SLAY
THEM
ALL!

HIS
MAJESTY'S
ENEMIES
ARE MY
ENEMIES.



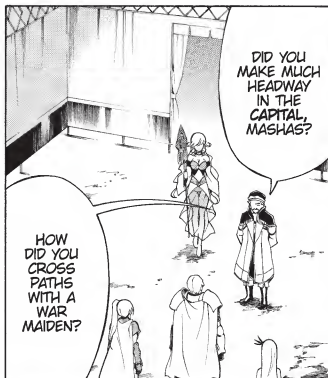




HOW BADLY?

HE'S FEVER-ISH.





DID YOU
MAKE MUCH
HEADWAY
IN THE
CAPITAL,
MASHAS?

HOW
DID YOU
CROSS
PATHS
WITH A
WAR
MAIDEN?



IS
THAT
YOU,
AUGRE?!

I
THOUGHT
YOU'D
COME.



OH!

LADY
SOFYA!

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE,
SIR
MASHAS.

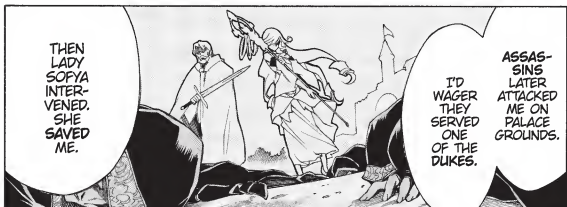


THE DUKES
THENARDIER
AND GANELON
DESTROYED
MY PETITIONS.

I WAS
DENIED
A ROYAL
AUDIENCE.



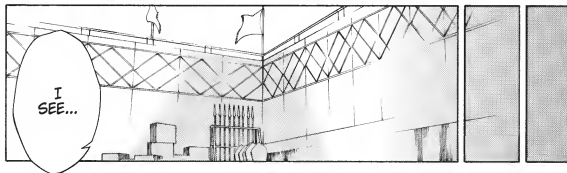
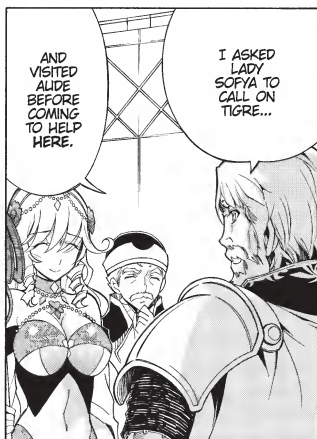
WELL
...



THEN
LADY
SOFYA
INTER-
VENED.
SHE
SAVED
ME.

I'D
WAGER
THEY
SERVED
ONE
OF THE
DUKES.

ASSAS-
SINS
LATER
ATTACKED
ME ON
PALACE
GROUNDS.







BUT

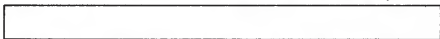
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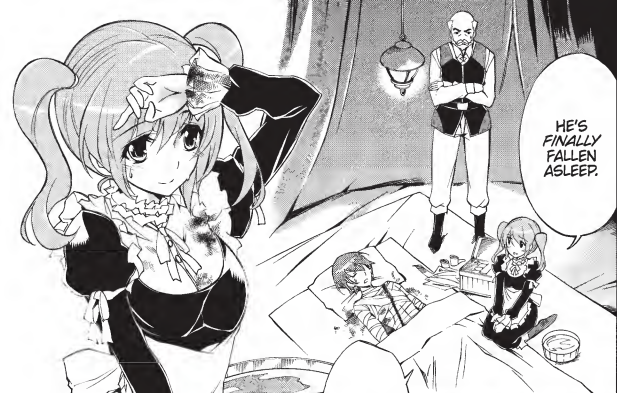
ONLY
I CAN
FIGHT
HIM.



SOFY
SAYS
THAT...

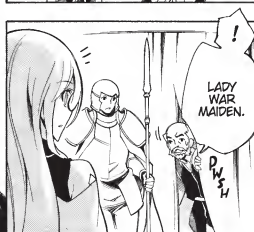
DRAGON
GEARS
DON'T
AFFECT
IT.

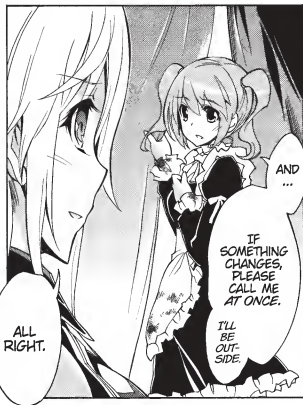




LORD
TIGRE...









TIGRE...



CHAPTER 23: END



24 ◆ PRINCIPLES



TIGRE
...?







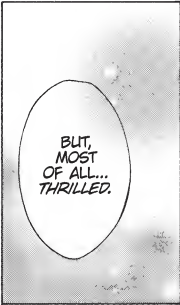
FEEL MY
HEARTBEAT
THROUGH
YOUR HAND.



KNOW
HOW
I FEEL.

KNOW
THAT
YOU'RE
STILL
ALIVE.

TH-THUMP



BUT,
MOST
OF ALL...
THRILLED.



I WAS
SHOCKED.
OUTRAGED.

YOU PITTED
YOURSELF
AGAINST
ROLAND'S
STRENGTH
TO RESCUE
ME.



YOU'RE IN
COMMAND
OF THIS
FORCE!

STILL...

HOW HAS
YOUR
SELFLESS-
NESS
HELPED
US?





BECAUSE
YOU ARE
MINE.

サ
SQUEEZE

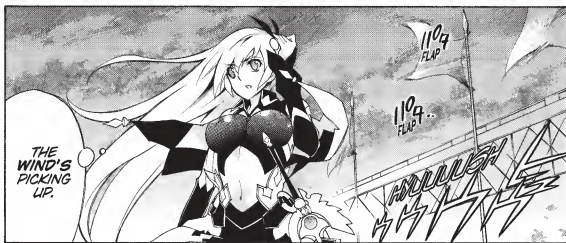
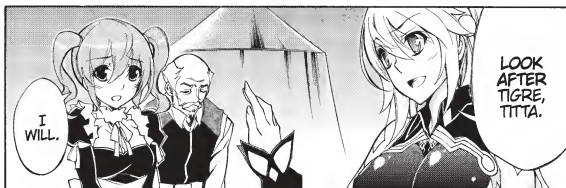
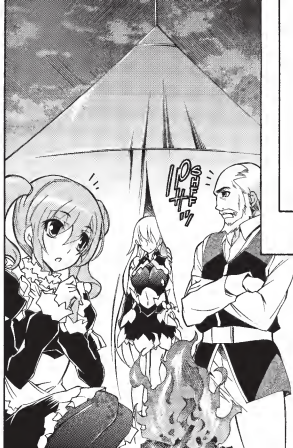
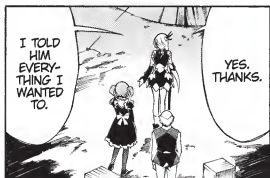


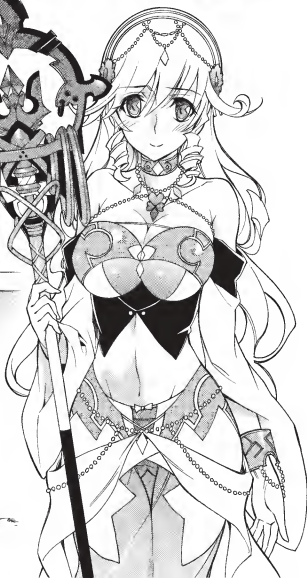
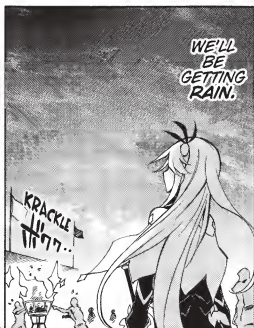
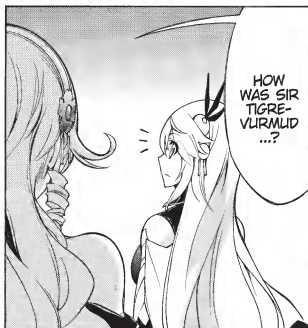
TIGRE...

FOR NOW,
I'LL LEAD
YOUR
TROOPS.

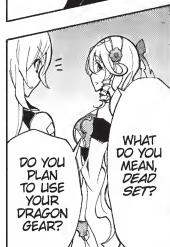


I'LL
DEFEND
THOSE
YOU
CARE
FOR.











ELEN ...

I SEE.

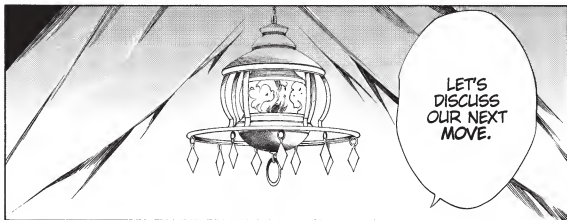
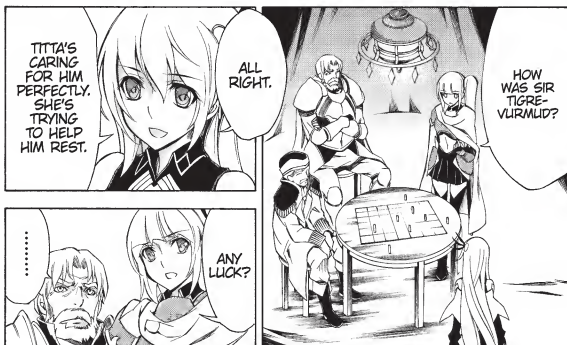
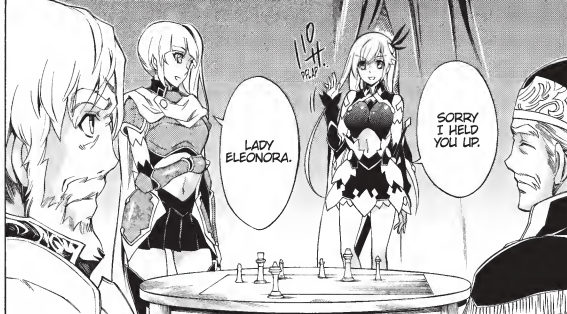


I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT TO USE IT ON ANYONE. BUT I'LL DO IT ANYWAY.

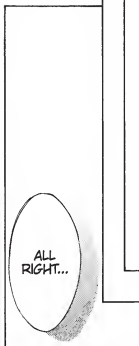


WE'RE WAR MAIDENS, YES.











WHY
WOULD A
COMMANDER
BE SO
VAGUE?

ODD,
DON'T
YOU
THINK?



IT'S QUITE
POSSIBLE
ROLAND
DOESN'T
KNOW WHY
TIGRE IS
FIGHTING.

"NO
MATTER
THE
REASON..."

"YOU'RE
FORBIDDEN
TO ENTER
BRUNE WITH-
OUT HIS
MAJESTY'S
PERMIS-
SION..."



HE'S
ALSO
TRYING
TO GET
DIRT ON
US.

IF SO,
I'D WAGER
THAT WHILE
ROLAND
FIGHTS
US...



AND KEPT
ROLAND IN
THE DARK
ABOUT ITS
SORDID
DETAILS.

DUKES
THENAR-
DIER AND
GANELON
COOKED
UP THIS
BATTLE...

MY
GUESS
IS...



THAT
MAY
BE.

HMM
...





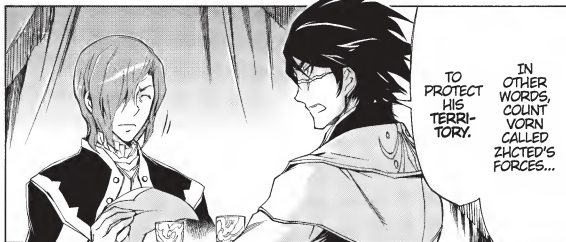
I SEE.



THAT'S ALL WE KNOW ABOUT COUNT VORN FOR NOW.

ZSHHHHHH

THE ORDER OF NAVARRE'S CAMP.



TO PROTECT HIS TERRITORY.
IN OTHER WORDS, COUNT VORN CALLED ZHCTED'S FORCES...



DUE TO HIS ILLNESS, I EXPECT.
HE DIDN'T GIVE A SINGLE ORDER.



DID HIS MAJESTY WEIGH IN?

WHEN DUKES THENARDIER AND GANELON READED THEIR TROOPS...





BRUNE'S
CAPITAL.
NICE. THE
FOOT OF
MOUNT
LUBERON.

ABOUT
TWENTY
YEARS
AGO...



HIS
MAJESTY
...



HOW
AWFUL!

A
FOUND-
LING!

OH,
MY!

WA-
HA-
HI!!

GGW
AH!!

AH-
WAH!!



WA-
HA-
HI!!

WA-
YAA!!



I WILL
ATTEND
TO THE
CHILD'S
UPBRING-
ING!

PLEASE,
MASTER!

THE
TEMPLE
OF
PER-
KUNAS,
ATOP
MOUNT
LUBERON.

YEARS
LATER

...

WHO'S
THE MAN
IN THE
MURAL?

MOTHER?

THAT'S KING
CHARLES
THE FIRST.
HE FOUNDED
BRUNE.

HMM.

ROLAND
...

WE
MUST ALL
PREPARE
FOR HIS
ARRIVAL.

PRINCE
FARON IS
EXPECTED
HERE
TODAY.



OH...?

MY
PREDE-
CESSOR,
KING
CHARLES,
WAS ONCE
SERVED BY
A KNIGHT
CALLED
ROLAND.



YOUNG
MAN...

WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?



IT'S
ROLAND.



ROLAND
TOOK
PRIDE IN
PROTECTING
HIS PEOPLE.
HE WAS A
KNIGHT OF
KNIGHTS.

UNDEFEATED,
YET WITHOUT
ARROGANCE...



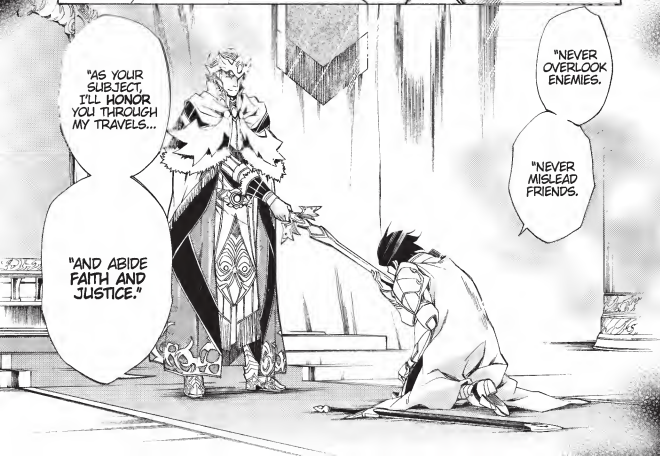
WILL YOUR
KNIGHTLY
PROWESS BE
CELEBRATED
THROUGH
BRUNE,
TOO?

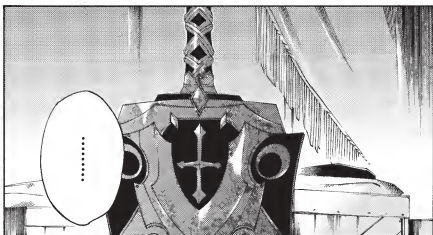
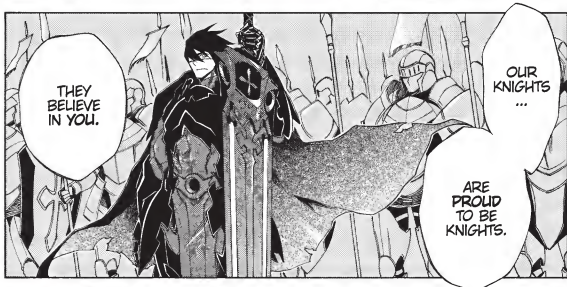
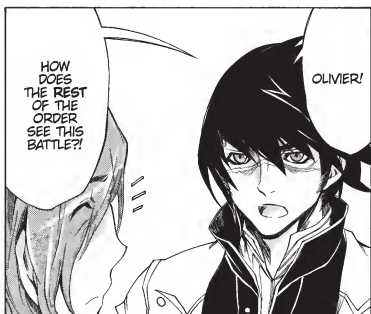
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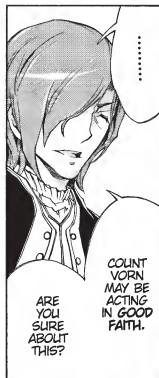
MANY
KNIGHTS
STILL
WORSHIP
ROLAND.



KNIGHT
OF
KNIGHTS?









THE
NEXT
DAY...

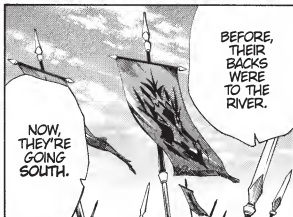
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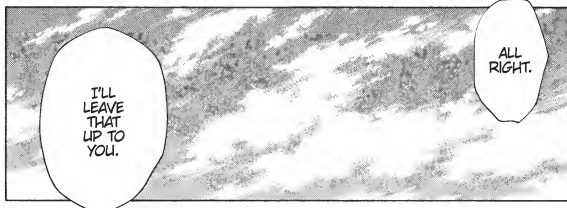
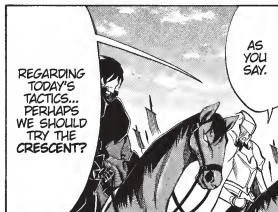
IT'S
PASSABLE.
IT SHOULD
DRY UP BY
NOON.

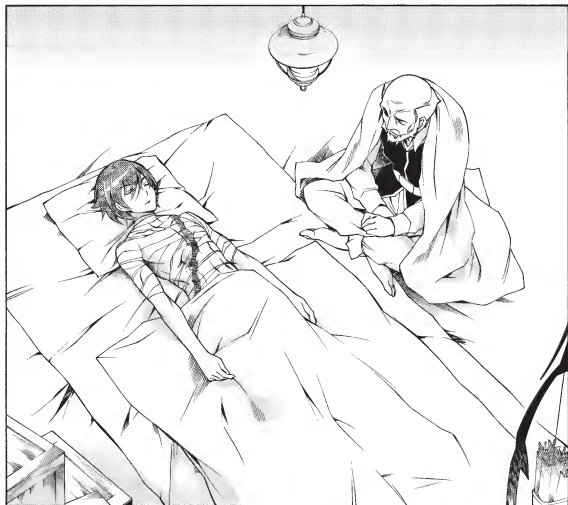
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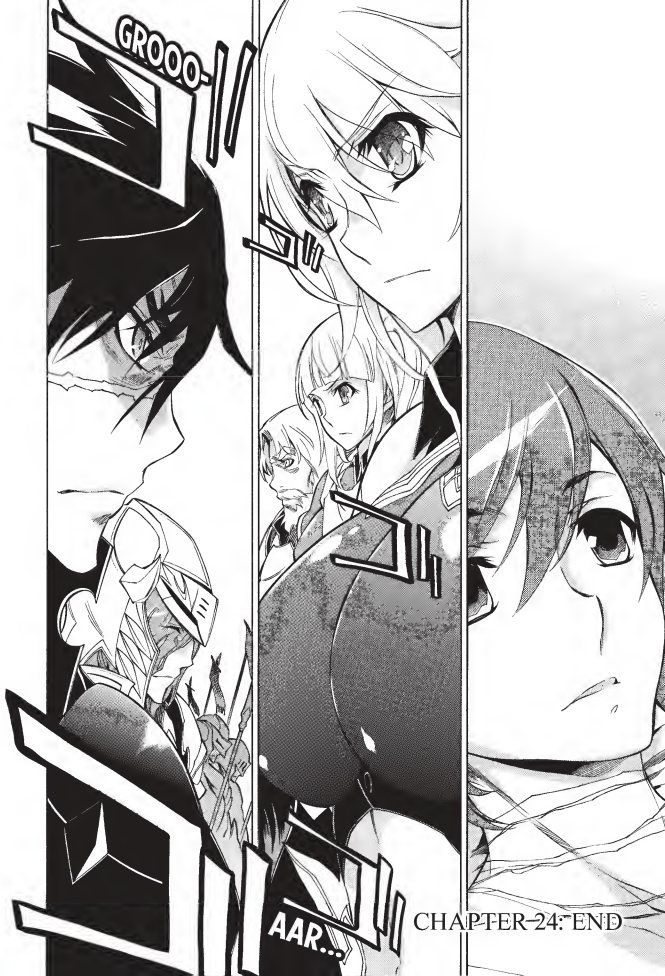
THE
RAIN'S
STOPPED,
BUT IT'S
SWAMPY.

BE
CAREFUL!







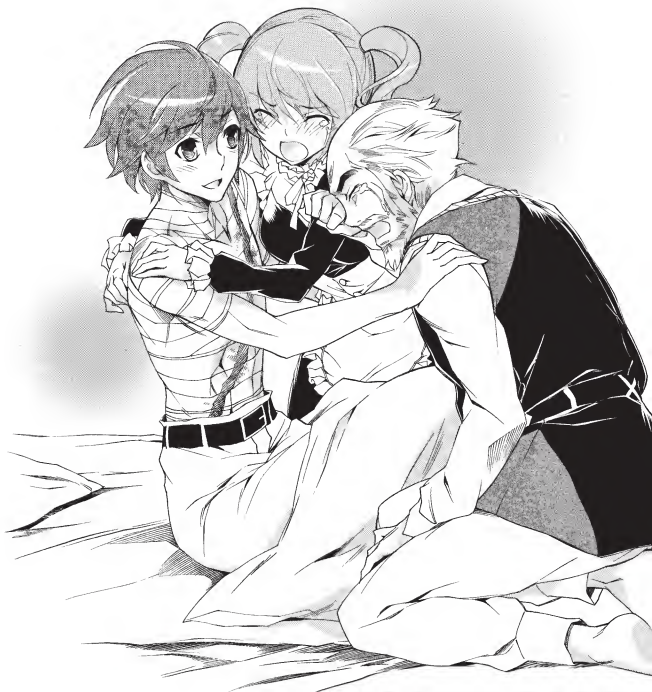


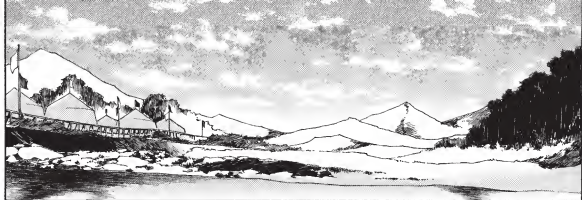
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Lord Marksman ——and Vanadis—









WHY
DID
SOFY
STAY?

THEN
...

SHE'S
STRICTLY
A ZHCTED
ENVOY.



YES.

MANY
SOLDIERS
ARE
DESERTING
US.
LOSING A
BATTLE IS
AWFUL...

THAT'S
TRUE.

WHILE WE
BROUGHT
OUR
WOUNDED
NORTH
ACROSS
THE
RIVER.



THAT'S
RIGHT!

AW!

I'VE A
LETTER
FOR
YOU
FROM
LADY
SOFYA.



THANK
YOU,
BERTRAND.

MILORD
...

I'D BEST
CHECK ON
THE OTHER
WOUNDED
MEN.

FIRST!
ヅヅ

FIRST!
ヅヅ

Sir Tigre...

I'm writing
in hopes
you'll soon
be well
enough to
read this
letter.



FOUND
IT!



Can
counteract
them.

It seems
Roland's
sword,
Durandal...



Roland is a
formidable
foe...
even for
a war
maiden.

While we
do possess
powerful
"Dragon Gear"
techniques,
like Elen's Ley
Admos...





BUT I'D
BETTER
LOOK
AFTER
MY BOW.

THANK
YOU.

AND
YOU
SHOULD
REST.



I'M
JUST
FINE.

NO.

KUNK...



THIS
BOW'S
STILL
BLOOD-
SPLAT-
TERED.

FROM
WHEN
ROLAND
STRUCK
ME, I
SUPPOSE.

IF I
HAD THE
BOW'S
POWER...

FIGHTING
ROLAND
RIGHT
NOW?

ARE
ELEN
AND
SOFY
...

BYUUSH

IF I
COULD
ONLY
DRAW
IT OUT...

COULD
I HELP
ELEN AND
SOFY...?

GRRIP



BA-THUMP

MORE
PROOF
THIS
BOW HAS
ITS OWN
MIND.



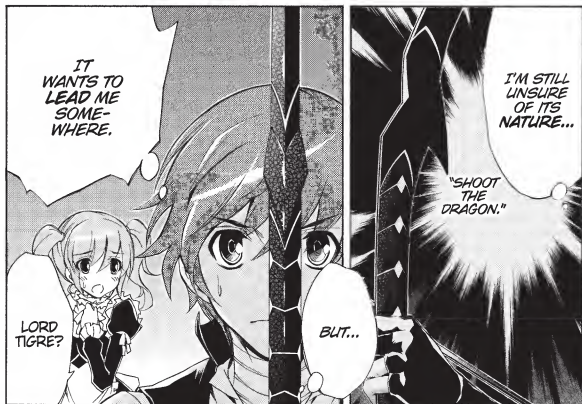
BA-

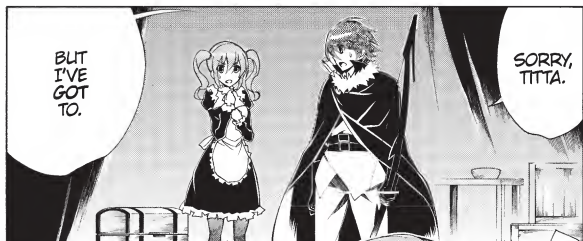
THUMP

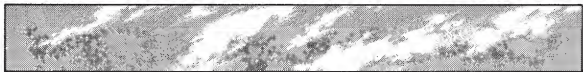


IT...
MOVED?

THAT
FELT
LIKE A
HEART-
BEAT.









.....

HOW
FAR
ARE WE
GOING?

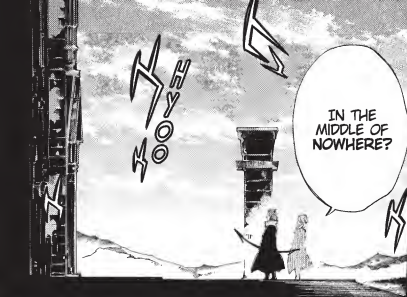
SWUUGH!

A
TRICK
OF
THE
LIGHT
...?

Flicker

!





IN THE
MIDDLE OF
NOWHERE?



THERE
WASN'T A
BUILDING
HERE
BEFORE.



LORD
TIGRE,
YOU
DON'T
MEAN
TO...

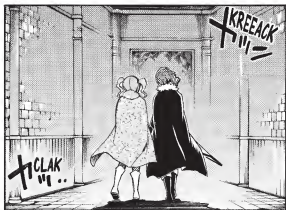
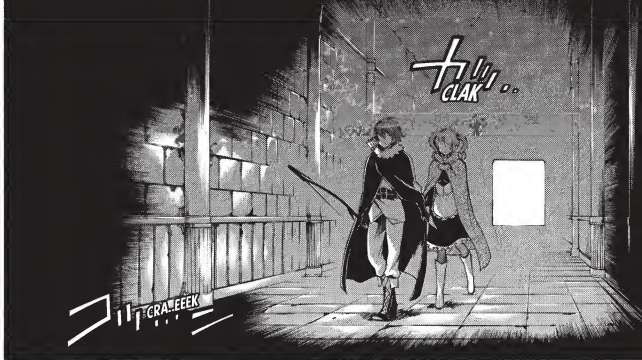
G-GO
INSIDE...
DO YOU?

YES,
I DO.

グ
SQUEEZE



IS
IT...A
SHRINE?





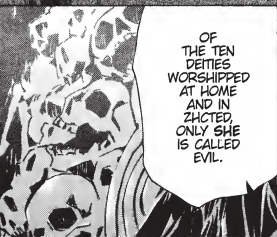
GODDESS
OF
NIGHT...

DARK-
NESS...
AND
DEATH.



THIS
MURAL
...

IT'S
TIR
NA
FAL.

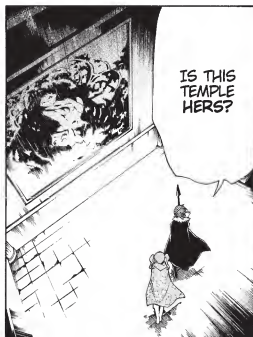


OF
THE TEN
DEITIES
WORSHIPPED
AT HOME
AND IN
ZHCED,
ONLY SHE
IS CALLED
EVIL.



NOD

HER?
YOU'RE
SURE?



IS THIS
TEMPLE
HERS?



THAT'S WHY
WORSHIP
OF HER IS
NEGLECTED.



WHY DID
THE BOW
BRING ME
HERE?

CRIPP



IS IT
SOMEHOW
LINKED TO
TIR NA FAL?





OH!

.....
?!

FWOON!



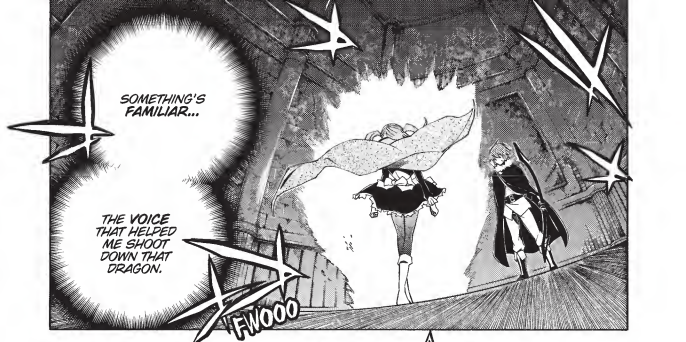
TITTA
...?

FWOOO!



DON'T
BOTHER
ABOUT
HER!





SOMETHING'S
FAMILIAR...

THE VOICE
THAT HELPED
ME SHOOT
DOWN THAT
DRAGON.

FWOOO



YOU...

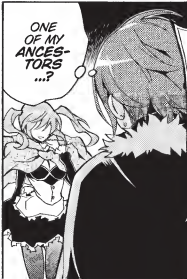
LOOK
LIKE THE
BOY
I GAVE
THE BOW
TO.



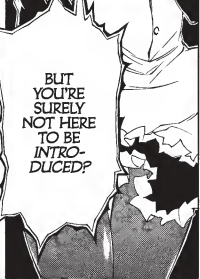
I'M
NOT
SURE.



ARE
YOU
TIR
NA
FAL?



ONE
OF MY
ANCES-
TORS
...?



BUT
YOU'RE
SURELY
NOT HERE
TO BE
INTRO-
DUCED?



AM I
CORRECT?

YOU
CAME
HERE
PURSUING
MY
POWER.





WITHOUT
BLIDDING,
TAKE
AIM AT
HER AND
FIRE.

LET ME
CLARIFY.



SHOOT
AN
ARROW
AT THIS
MAIDEN!







WHAT'S
WRONG?
DON'T
YOU
NEED
THAT
POWER...

TO
SAVE
SOME-
ONE?

THERE
MUST
BE
SOME
WAY
OUT.

RELAX.

I'VE
GOT
TO
STAY
CALM.

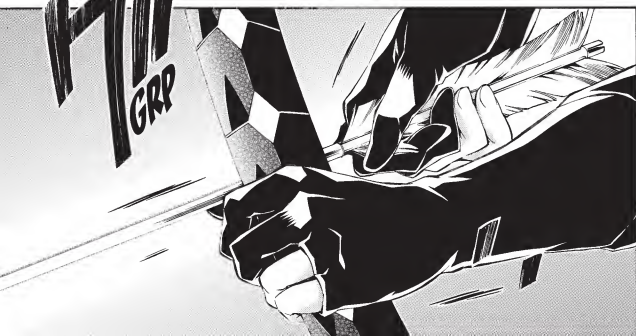
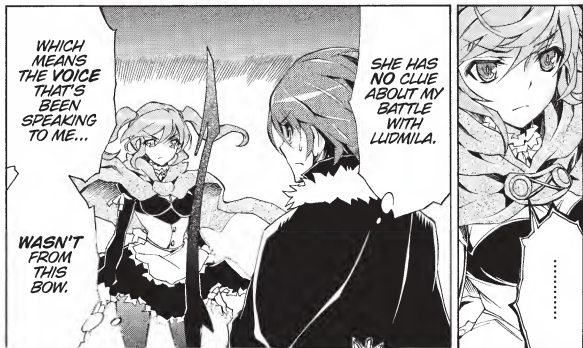
THIS
BOW WAS
DEAD
SILENT.

WHEN I
FOUGHT
LUDMILA
AT MOUNT
TATRA...

TILL
NOW,
YOU
NEVER
SPOKE
TO ME.

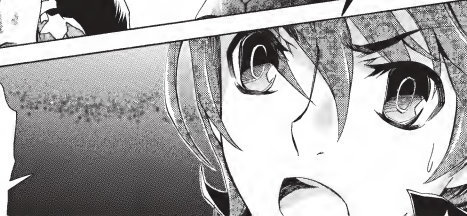
WHY
NOT?

YOU'RE
REALLY
QUITE
CHATTY
TODAY.



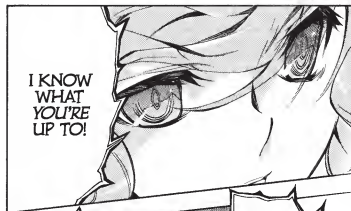


WILL
YOU
SHOOT?



YES.





I KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
UP TO!



ONE
FALSE
MOVE...

THINK
SHE'LL
COME
THROUGH
UNSCATHED?

SHE'LL BE
BEYOND
SAVING.



HMM!



YOU'RE
REALLY
STRAINING
YOUR
LIMITS.



DON'T
REMIND
ME...!



ENOUGH
CHATTER!



*I'M
GOING
TO FIRE.*



TITTA.



*AND I
WON'T
LET HER
CLAIM
YOU.*

*BUT I
WON'T
KILL
YOU.*

I'LL
SAVE
TITTA...

WITH...

THIS
ARROW!

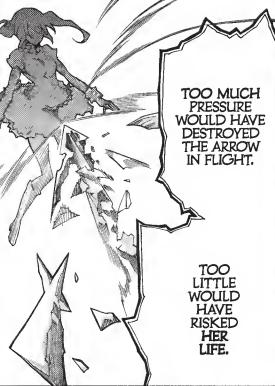
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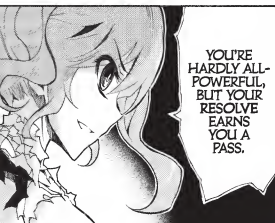






TOO MUCH
PRESSURE
WOULD HAVE
DESTROYED
THE ARROW
IN FLIGHT.

TOO
LITTLE
WOULD
HAVE
RISKED
HER
LIFE.



YOU'RE
HARDLY ALL-
POWERFUL,
BUT YOUR
RESOLVE
EARNS
YOU A
PASS.



HAH...

HAH...

NOT
BAD.

YOU
SHOT THE
ARROW
WITH SUCH
FORCE, IT
SHATTERED
WHEN IT
STRUCK
HER.



BUT
IT WAS
TERRIBLY
RISKY.

THIS
WAS
THE
ONLY
PLAN I
COULD
DREAM
UP.



I'VE
GRANTED
YOU THE
POWER.

BUT
TAKE
HEED.

USING IT
CARELESSLY
COULD
HAVE
CONSE-
QUENCES.



THAT
GENTLE-
MAN
SHOT AN
ARROW...
AND
LOST
HIS
LIFE.

THAT
TOOK
PLACE
YEARS
AGO.

YOU
MIGHT
MANAGE
BETTER,
IF YOU
REALLY
TRY



THAT
GENTLE-
MAN
SHOT AN
ARROW...
AND
LOST
HIS
LIFE.

THAT
TOOK
PLACE
YEARS
AGO.

YOU
MIGHT
MANAGE
BETTER,
IF YOU
REALLY
TRY



WHAT WAS THAT?

THAT PICTURE IN MY MIND...

WHAT WAS THAT?

THAT PICTURE IN MY MIND...

WHAT WAS THAT?

THAT PICTURE IN MY MIND...

SHE'S ALL RIGHT.

SHE'S ALL RIGHT.

RUMBL

RUMBL

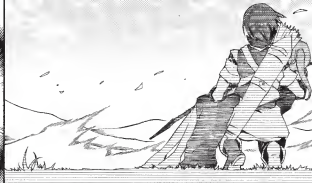
YOU
SHOULD
TIME OUR
NEXT
MEETING
BETTER.

I'M
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO SEEING
YOU MAKE
THAT BOW
YOURS.

PERHAPS
SOME
MASS
GRAVE AT
MIDNIGHT?

ROOZRRR







I'm not decent!!

WHY??

GOOD.
YOU'RE
AWAKE.

TITTA!
///

LORD
TIGRE
...?

WHY??

B-
BUT--

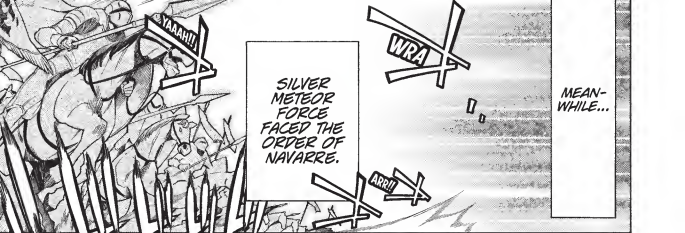
ARE YOU
HURT?

I SHOT
AT YOU.

I'M SO
SORRY.

FMP!





SILVER
METEOR
FORCE
FACED THE
ORDER OF
NAVARRE.

MEAN-
WHILE...



SO
THEY
TARGETED
US,
RATHER
THAN
TIGRE'S
CREW.

SIR
MASHAS!

THEY'RE
HEADING
FOR US!



YES.

WHEN THEY
THOUGHT
THEY SENSED
A TRAP,
THEY HONED
IN HERE.

YOU MADE
A GOOD
CALL ABOUT
SPREADING
WORD OF
TIGRE'S
INJURY.



THEY
ARE
USING
THE
CRESCENT
TACTIC.

THEIR
EQUIP-
MENT...

AND
POSI-
TIONS...



THEY
SPLIT INTO
THIRDS TO
ATTACK
ON ALL
SIDES...

CRES-
CENT
FORMA-
TION,
NOW!

MISLEADING
THEIR FOES
BY WORKING
TOGETHER.



IT'S
ONE OF
BRUNE'S
FINEST
MILITARY
TACTICS.



ATTACK!!

FIRST
UNIT,
ON
YOUR
MARKS!

ATTACK!

**THEIR
SECOND
UNIT'S
STRIKING.**

**THIS
IS IT.**

RE-
TREAT
!!

THEY
BACKED
OFF
WITH
NO
FIGHT.

**SHOULD
WE BREAK
FROM THE
CRESCENT?**

IS
THIS A
TRAP?

GROUND'S
DRIED UP!



MUST BE THEIR THIRD UNIT.

THEY'RE HUGGING THE RIVER-BANK!

LADY LIMALISHA, ABOUT FIFTEEN HUNDRED MEN ARE APPROACHING FROM THE RIGHT!

ZWOONNNNN

THEY'RE
LED
BY...



BUT
IT'S IN
YOUR
HANDS.

I REGRET
LEAVING
YOU WITH
THE BRUNT
OF THE
WORK.

COUNT
ON US.

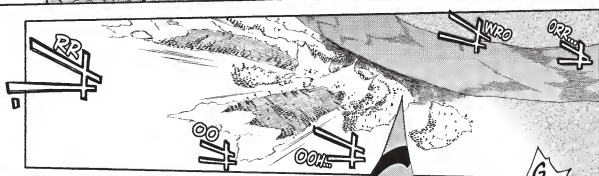
LADY
ELEONORA.
LADY
SOFYA.

HMPH!
THE
CRESCENT
TACTIC'S
OFTEN
USED TO
CORRAL
ENEMIES.

WE'RE
UNDER
ATTACK!

THEY'RE
STRIKING
FROM
THE
FRONT,
TOO!







I BELIEVE
THEY CALL
THIS HOLY
RAIN.



NEIGH!!

SLUP!

BASH

WH...

WHAT'S
THIS?

MUD!

WBLOSH

THIS
WAS
JUST
SOLID
GROUND!

COME
ON!

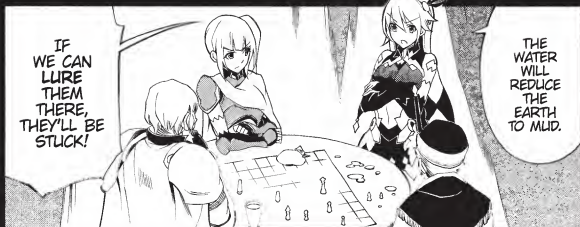
THE
SCOUT
DIDN'T
REPORT
THIS!

WHAT
IS
THIS?!

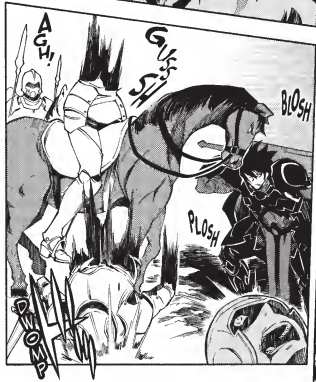
WHICKER!

WASH

ZUFZUF









GYYY...

TEINNG





YOU
CAN FIGHT
THE WIND
PRINCESS
OF SILVER
FLASH
INSTEAD!



THD

THD THD THD



DON'T
GIVE
UP!!

ELEN...

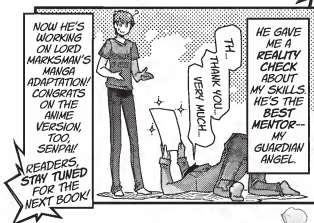
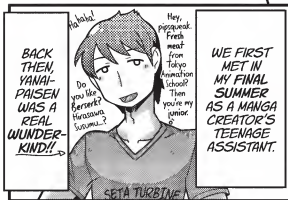
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TO BE CONTINUED...

魔弾の戦姫
魔王と戦姫

ガナナデウス

MEETING YANAI-PAISEN: A FOUR-PANEL MANGA



HE'S A COLLEAGUE I RESPECT... ONE WHO STOKED MY COMPETITIVE SPIRIT!

CHIKA-KUN AND I WERE ASSISTANTS TO THE SAME MENTOR.

THANKS!

BUT, HEY-- CHIKA TOLJOU-KUN SAID HE'D DO A GUEST PAGE!

I MANAGED TO FINISH OFF VOLUME 5! CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

HEY, GUYS! YANAI HERE.



THE BLACK KNIGHT ROLAND MADE A REAL MARK IN THIS VOLUME.



HIS CHARACTERS ARE GREAT... BUT HIS ROBOTS ARE SO COOL THEY MAKE MY NOSE BLEED!

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Kiriya-san, Hamada-kun,
I-kura-san the manager...

and my readers!!

THAT'S IN VOLUME 6!
STAY TUNED!

SOON,
THE FIGHT
AGAINST HIM
PEAKS...
AND A NEW
WAR MAIDEN
ARRIVES!







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SEVEN SEAS ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

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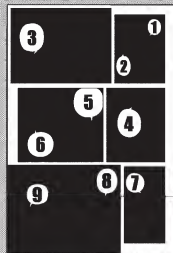
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